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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to work as a Parent Trainer with the Ekhaya Youth Project. I am now a CW manager, with DCFS. As a CW manager I manage two units that consist of a supervisor and 4-5 Foster Care Workers in Lafayette Parish. I also manage the supervisor and clerical staff in Lafayette Parish. I also manage the entire St. Martinville CW office. My duties consist of being the safety officer and I manage a unit with a supervisor and two Family Services Workers and three Child Protective Services Workers. Finally in St. Martinville I also supervise a supervisor and four foster care staff in the foster care unit. My staff makes referrals on a regular basis for their Medicaid eligible clients to Bayou Health for medical and behavioral health issues and the CSOC providers.

Ekhaya Youth Project is a program providing behavioral consultation and case management services to families where children are at risk for out of home placement. Ekhaya receives referrals through CSOC and the Behavioral Health System, the judiciary, state agencies providing services to the children at risk and other concerned community members. As a Parent Trainer, I will meet with parents who have been referred to discuss the services Ekhaya has to offer and ask them if they would like to participate in the services and obtain their signed consents to begin services. Usually there are two support visits per week made by the Parent Trainer to the Parent in the first 28 days and then the case is transferred to a Parent Support worker. There may also be times that the referred parent will remain under my supervision to provide support if there are no Parent Support workers available. In that role I will be expected to support the parent in his child's plan and provide guidance to continue services.

I am requesting an Advisory Opinion about this position as being a part time job for me.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.



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